5. Mahrani
6. Rampur (DD II)
7. Rath
8. Rudali
9. Karwi

VLPTs

1. Baset
2. Saahiya
3. Manikpur
4. Nand Prayag
5. Rajgarhi
6. Thakurdwara (DD II)
7. Tharali
8. Khubianangal
9. Maneshwar
10. Khimath
11. Pokhri
12. Rudraprayag
13. Almera

New Talents for Electronic Media

1905. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the literary, artistic and other qualifications in the field of performing arts of top ten Prasar Bharati officials, including Chief Executive officer handling planning, production and spresentation of programmes for Doordarshan and Akashwani;

(b) how many of them have every actually written/composed, produced or presented any outstanding programmes; and

(c) what steps are being taken to encourage scouting of new talent for the electronic media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Basic qualifications for each post in Prasar Bharati including those at the top level are prescribed in the relevant Rules and Regulations. All these appointments are made after following the procedure and qualifications prescribed in these Rules and Regulations.

(c) It is constant endeavour of Prasar Bharati to improve the quality of its programme and encourage new talents by way of constant review of its programmes and perfotmance of producers, newsreaders, presenters, anchors, etc. in a dynamic media situation keeping in view the viewers response and market requirement.

L.P.T. TV Centre at Korai and Vijayanagar in Orissa

1906. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for setting up of L.P.T. TV Centre at Korai and Vijayanagar (Jaipur Road) of Jaipur District of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): No, Sir.

Coverage of News by Doordarshan

1907. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has one uniform policy for covering the news of political parties, institutions and individuals;

(b) whether it is a fact that only incidents of urban areas get more focus in the news bulletin of National TV and state regional news; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that programmes are being used for the benefit of some specific political parties and individuals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Prasar Bharati have reported that its news bulletins are prepared purely on the consideration of news value of stories and keeping in view the policy guidelines.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.